

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-16 and 18-22 remain pending. Claims 8 and 11 are amended to improve the form of the claim, without affecting the scope of those claims. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Request for Acknowledgement of IDS submitted 12/29/00

Upon review of the application, it was noted that Applicant has not received an initialed copy of the Form 1449 as submitted December 29, 2000, which would acknowledge consideration of the three references cited therein. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return such initialed copy in the next action.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-16 and 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by EP 0969389 A2 to Kitayama and Fumihiko ("Kitayama"). Applicant traverses this rejection as follows.

Claim 1 is directed to a gateway server, in which a convert section judges whether first contents are picture contents, and when the first contents are picture contents, the convert section converts the first contents into second contents.

Kitayama, on the other hand, discloses a Web server 100 that includes an HTML generator 230. Kitayama's Web server 100 corresponds to a server which stores, in a database 240, data requested by a device connected to the network. See Figures 1 and 2 of Kitayama. Kitayama's Web server 100 does not function as a gateway server, since it does not intercept all communications output by devices 120, 130, 140 and 150 before those

communications are provided to a network 110. Accordingly, Kitayama's Web server does not meet at least this feature recited in claim 1.

Furthermore, Kitayama's HTML generator 230 obtains information from terminal DB 250, and, based on the type of information obtained from the DB 250, it converts that information to a specific format and sends it a requesting device 120, 130, 140 or 150. As such, the data obtained from the DB 250 is not converted based on the type of device making the request for data. Additionally, there is no indication in Kitayama that his system treats picture contents different from non-picture contents.

Also, as seen in Figure 11 of Kitayama, the group of data objects obtained from the database is converted into a group of view objects based on "information about terminal attributes", whereby there is no distinction as to whether or not the group of data objects corresponds is picture data.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, since Fumihiko does not rectify the above-mentioned shortcomings of Kitayama, claim 1 is patentable over the cited art of record.

The other presently pending independent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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